

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Annie Burns Hicks, the  
first African-American teacher in Hammond, Indiana.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Annie Burns Hicks, the first African-American teacher in Hammond, Indiana.

*Whereas, Annie Burns Hicks attended Maywood Schools in Hammond, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Annie Burns Hicks graduated from Hammond High School, entered Ball State Teacher's College in Muncie, Indiana and eventually obtained a Master's Degree from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois;*

*Whereas, In 1958, Annie Burns Hicks applied for a teacher's position with the Hammond school system, but was initially denied because she was African-American;*

*Whereas, Annie Burns Hicks filed a lawsuit against this discriminatory practice and was eventually hired as the first African-American teacher in the Hammond public school system, paving the way for other teachers to follow; and*

*Whereas, Annie Burns Hicks co-authored the first full day kindergarten program in Hammond, Indiana, instituted a*



*formal reading program into Maywood's full day kindergarten,  
and worked in the first Head Start staff program: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1 The Indiana Senate honors Annie Burns Hicks, the
- 2 first African-American teacher in Hammond, Indiana.
- 3 SECTION 2 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of
- 4 this resolution to Annie Burns Hicks and Maywood Elementary
- 5 School.

